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SUBJ: REPORTED "SEIZURE" GRAN COLOMBIANA LINES VESSEL

CIUDAD DE BUCARAMANGA

REF: BOGOTA 1559, STATE 036322

1. GRAN COLOMBIANA LINES NOW INFORMS US THAT VESSEL REPORTEDLY
"SEIZED" BY US CUSTOMS NEW YORK IS MV CUIDAD DE BUCARAMANGA,
NOT RPT NOT CIUDAD DE TUNJA. ADDITIONAL DETAILS NOW AVAILABLE
TO GRAN COLOMBIANA INDICATE THAT US CUSTOMS REFUSING
ALLOW VESSEL DEPART NEW YORK UNTIL COMPLETION INVESTIGATION OF
COCAINE TRAFFICKING BY CREW MEMBERS. ACCORDING GRAN COLOMBIANA
LINES FLEET CAPTAIN, CIUDAD DE BUCARAMANGA NURSE ARRESTED
WHILE ATTEMPTING TO SMUGGLE ASHORE SOME 5 POUNDS
OF COCAINE.

2. GRAN COLOMBIANA LINES IS PROTESTING SEQUESTRATION CIUDAD
DE BUCARAMANGA ON GROUNDS THAT A SHIP MUST MAINTAIN REGULARLY
SCHEDEULE FIRST CLASS LINER SERVICE, THAT COMPANY IS COOPERATING
WITH BOTH US AND GOC NARCO AGENCIES TO CONTROL TRAFFICKING AND,
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ON GROUNDSS THAT SHIP WAS SEARCHED TWICE FOR DRUGS (IN BARRANQ-

UILLA AND BALTIMORE) WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

3. GRAN COLOMBIANA LINES IS SEEKING CLARIFICATION ABOUT
SITUATION AS REPORTED BY ITS AGENT IN NEW YORK. IN ORDER RESPOND
THESE QUERIES NEED SOONEST COMPLETE DETAILS CONFIRM OR DENY
ABOVE REPORT.

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